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**H.C.R. 224/H.R. 157 – NAMING THE NEW
WAIMANALO ELEMENTARY AND
INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL BUILDING
IN HONOR OF AL LEWIS**

The Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO strongly supports H.C.R. 224 and H.R. 157, which names the new Waimanalo Elementary and Intermediate School building in honor of Al Lewis.

As an HGEA member for nearly 20 years, Al was heavily involved with multiple labor unions, including the United Public Workers and International Longshore and Warehouse Union. Al was active with our Retirees Unit and participated in numerous HGEA membership outreach programs. He sought to improve all three unions and help his fellow brothers and sisters become more involved in labor. Al was also incredibly passionate about giving back to his own community, serving many years on the Waimanalo Neighborhood Board and was also a member of the Democratic Party of Hawaii. He was involved in various events around his neighborhood, such as the Waimanalo Carnival, as well as various local fundraisers to help the youth of Waimanalo.

Al will continue to be missed by those who knew him. Naming the new Waimanalo Elementary and Intermediate School building in Al's name will serve as a reminder of his generous spirit and hardworking nature.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support for H.C.R 224 and H.R. 157.

Respectfully submitted,

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